

BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – March 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Bobnock and Franzene were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; Mike Golas/P&R-Sunset Lk Assn; Larry Nelson-PC; County Comm Stafford; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to approve the minutes. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of February 2019 was submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

General Fund:	\$ 177,876.01
Sewer Fund:	\$ 114,359.75
Water Fund:	\$ 298,978.73
Road Fund:	\$ 308,550.75
Liquor Law:	\$

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Commissioner Stafford was present and gave a brief update of the economic info/scorecard for the county. He stated that the Chamber is doing so much more than ever before. 2018 was a record breaking year for retail; there are 32 new chamber members.

COUNTY COMM REPORT

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Road Projects- Supervisor Oberlin presented the board with the list of road repairs (some are projects from 2018 that were not completed because of the strike). A motion was made by Nelson to approve the list which included East & West Park Drives, North & South Trybom, Dust control, and gravel or pavement on Larson Rd, contingent upon the pending ICRC grant application. Supported by Benson-Stafford. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. PW-Benson pointed out that the manholes on North & South Trybom will have to be raised up prior to the road project.

ROAD PROJECTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Update – Supervisor Oberlin gave his report. There were 0 new permits issued. There were some new inquiries. He is still working on the violations that the Assessor found during field work. ZA was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar is closed. Permits issued to date in 2019=2. A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

ZONING UPDATE

Master Plan – Nothing new to report.

MASTER PLAN

Bates Township Center / LED conversion – Supervisor Oberlin stated that he is waiting on bids for the rest of the school. The gymnasium is done.

BATES CTR LED CONV

Anderson Rd Waterline Project – PW- Benson stated that the cost of the materials would be approximately \$4500 and the township would do the tap-ins. A motion was made by Franzene that the township would contribute a maximum of \$4500 in materials only and the project must be completed by November 1, 2019. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Franzene, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ANDERSON RD WTRLN

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Assessor Report – Nothing new to report.

ASSESSOR REPORT

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Employee/Appointed Wage Increase & New School/Center Position – Supervisor Oberlin pointed out that at a previous meeting the Board of Trustees declined any increase in salaries. Oberlin stated that at this time he would recommend that there are no wage increases on any board or department. Clerk Benson-Stafford asked the board to allow the creation of a new position as Bates School/Center Coordinator. This initial position would be handled by the clerk and would be a defining position to oversee events/rentals and operations at the school/center, report monthly to the board, try to fill room vacancies and further define the responsibilities of the position over the course of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. After some discussion a motion was made by Franzene to not increase any current wages/salaries; approve the new school/center position at a monthly salary of \$400/month. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, abstain. Motion carried.

WAGES/NEW POSITION

Public Meeting Notice – Clerk Benson-Stafford presented the notice of the 2019-2020 fiscal year meeting dates. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the dates. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Township Property – A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adopt a resolution giving the Township Board the authority to sell township property. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP PROPERTY SALE RESOLUTION

Deposit Resolution – A motion was made by Supervisor Oberlin to adopt a resolution to continue to keep/use the accounts that the township currently has through the Miners State Bank and Huntington Bank. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DEPOSIT RESOLUTION

Bates School-Center/Gym Painting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the township had an opportunity to get the gym painted for the cost of materials only. An individual was looking to do community service and was an experienced painter. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve the cost of materials, contingent upon liability. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

BATES SCHOOL/CENTER GYM PAINTING

Bates Park-Sunset Lake/Campground Host Search – The Board discussed this opening and it was agreed that Clerk Benson-Stafford would publish an ad in the paper and get the position posted in the Chamber's weekly newsletter.

PARK HOSTS

Veteran's Memorial-Buy A Brick Program – Clerk Benson-Stafford said there that have been some new requests. After some discussion the board agreed to publish an ad in the paper seeking further interested parties. There is a minimum and Benson-Stafford would look into the requirements/cost. Trustee Franzene stated that there would be no problem putting in the new bricks.

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUY A BRICK

Hall/Shop–Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson reviewed the estimates for projects that he would like to see done this summer. No action taken. / Sewer – Benson stated that the LS #1 flow meter is approximately 40 years old. He estimated the replacement cost to be \$10000-\$15000. A motion was made by Oberlin to approve this repair. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Nelson, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. PW Benson also stated he is getting estimated for the 4 mechanical manholes that have infiltration. Action tabled on this until next meeting. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / School – The fire alarm inspection was completed. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report

GUEST COMMENTS

- Mike Golas commented on what a great job Ed and the employees do around the township on a daily basis.
- There was discussion about the number of fishing shacks still on the lakes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- UPPCO letter stating that they will begin replacing street lights with LED bulbs over the course of the coming months.
- Kiwanis – seeking ad sponsorship for K-Day. No action taken.
- UP Rodeo – A motion was made by Oberlin to sponsor the event with \$50. Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Salute to Veterans Ad – A motion was made by Bobnock to publish the ad (\$70). Supported by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. Roll call vote: Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 @ 6:00 PM.

Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: _____